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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**RAILROAD CAR HATCH COVER HINGE STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING  
A HATCH COVER TO A RAILCAR**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



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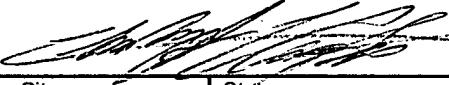

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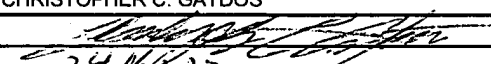
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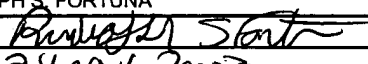
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